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DEMOCRATS IN COUNCIL.

FULL PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE CONVENTION HELD WEDNESDAY.

A Platform Adopted Endorsing the National Platform and the Platforms of 1890 and 1892—Names of the Lucky Candidates.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 20.—The Democratic State Convention met yesterday morning in the State House at ten minutes past twelve o'clock and was called to order by State Chairman Irby, who requested Rev. S. M. Smith to open the proceedings with prayer. Hon. O. H. Patterson, of Barnwell, was elected temporary chairman, and Messrs. H. H. Brunson and F. M. Mixson were elected temporary secretaries. The work of calling the counties and enrolling the delegates was the first business and it was quickly disposed of. The roll was made up without contests of any kind. Consequently no committee on credentials was appointed.

The election of permanent officers was next in order so soon as the roll was completed. Senator Eldred, of Lexington, was nominated for permanent chairman and was elected by acclamation.

One vice-president from each congressional district was then elected as follows:

First District—Thomas Talbott, of Beaufort.

Second District—Senator S. G. Mayfield, of Barnwell.

Third District—Hon. J. Belton Watson, of Anderson.

Fourth District—Col. J. D. M. Shaw, of Laurens.

Fifth District—Hon. Ira B. Jones, of Marion.

Sixth District—Hon. J. E. Ellerbe, of Marion.

Seventh District—D. H. Behre, of Colleton.

On motion the temporary secretaries were made the permanent officers for those positions.

Then A. H. Patterson, of Barnwell, moved that a committee on platform and resolutions be appointed, consisting of one member from each county, and that all changes in the Constitution and all resolutions be referred to it. The motion was carried and the following committee was selected:

Abbeville—S. C. Klugh.

Anderson—J. N. Peartman.

Aiken—W. N. Marchant.

Barnwell—A. H. Patterson.

Beaufort—Joseph S. Reed.

Berkeley—J. B. Morrison.

Charleston—W. H. Fitzsimmons.

Chester—J. K. Henry.

Chesterfield—R. E. Rivers.

Clarendon—D. J. Miller.

Colleton—L. E. Parler.

Darlington—J. E. Miller.

Edgedale—W. P. Timmerman.

Fairfield—J. R. Curlee.

Florence—R. M. McQueen.

Georgetown—J. D. Donaldson.

Hampton—W. J. Gooding.

Horry—J. P. Derham.

Kershaw—C. L. Winkler.

Laurens—H. J. Gardner.

Lexington—W. A. Goodwin.

Marion—J. E. Ellerbe.

Morlow—J. R. Sampson.

Newberry—John T. Duncan.

Oconee—J. K. Earle.

Orangeburg—Dr. J. W. Stokes.

Pickens—John T. Boggs.

Richland—Col. Willie Jones.

Sumter—W. A. James.

Spartanburg—T. L. Gantt.

Union—D. P. Duncan.

York—W. N. Elder.

Williamsburg—J. T. Gamble.

A motion was then made to adjourn until half past 3 o'clock, which, after a short discussion, was adopted.

The chairman declared the convention adjourned and the members filed out. During the recess the committee on platform held a meeting and reported to the convention on the platform adopted by the delegates. It was the final vote up with the candidates and they put in all the time they had and did what they could in the few minutes to spare.

The platform committee was late in finishing its work and delayed the reopening of the convention for fifteen minutes. When the chairman called the delegates to order Col. D. P. Duncan, chairman of the platform committee, reported the following as the platform for the Democratic party of the State, stating that a minority report would be made.

THE PLATFORM.

1. We reaffirm our allegiance to the Democratic party of South Carolina, in convention assembled, to reaffirm their allegiance to the principles and policies of the party, and to defend the same against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

2. We reaffirm our allegiance to the platform adopted by the Democratic national convention at Chicago in June 1892.

3. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, and insist upon its immediate enactment without waiting for international agreement. We insist upon it for the protection of our farmers and laboring classes, the first and most important of our people, and to prevent the disastrous effects of the present monetary policy.

4. We reaffirm our allegiance and adherence to and advocacy of the principles set forth in our State Democratic platform adopted in 1890 and 1892.

5. Recognizing the great evils of intemperance and the curses of barrooms and their corrupting influence, we heartily endorse the Dispersal law as the best and most effective remedy for the same, and we call upon the Christian men and women of the State to see that the law is fairly enforced and its spirit maintained.

6. We urge upon all good Democrats to vote for the calling of a constitutional convention at the general election in November.

7. We endorse the present Democratic administration of our State as wise, prudent and just, and fully complying with our motto of equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

8. We call upon the members of the party to read the minority report on the platform. He said

that it had been laid on the table by the committee. It was as follows:

1. Resolved, That we the representatives of the Democratic party of the State of South Carolina, do hereby reaffirm our allegiance to the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and to defend the same against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

2. Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that no one is a Democrat and entitled to represent us as Democrats who is not in full accord with the principles and policies of the Democratic party, nor one who advocates the principles of the Populist party or seeks to force the demands of the Ocala platform upon Democrats as the only basis of action.

3. Resolved, That we condemn as un-democratic and subversive of the principles of the party the platform adopted and promulgated by the Reform Democratic convention at Columbia on August 16, 1894.

The constitution of the party, which is published in another column, was amended so as to provide for a general election, after some discussion.

The next thing in order was the consideration of the majority and minority reports of the committee on platform and resolutions. Mr. J. B. Morrison, of Berkeley, moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority.

Mr. J. B. Morrison made a speech on the motion, saying that he came as a Democrat before Democrats. (Cheers.) "The practical test of a Democrat in this country, gentlemen of the jury" (great laughter at the mistake in using the word jury) "is the agreeing and subscribing to the tenets of the national Democracy as adopted by the national convention."

The objection Mr. J. B. Morrison made to the majority report was that it was not the platform of 1890 and 1892. The people knew that it was charged that the platform of 1890 was not Democratic. He entered his protest against that platform of 1890 as a platform of Democratic principles. He had his doubts about a man being a Democrat who stood on such a platform and who was nominated for office on such a platform.

Mr. J. B. Morrison said that the white people in the State had been practically disfranchised.

A delegate: "Why were they so? Simply because they did not vote."

Belton Watson, of Anderson, replied to Mr. J. B. Morrison, causing a great deal of laughter. He asserted that the platform submitted was Democratic in principle. He said that if anything would bring back to the fold all the white people of the State.

Dr. W. N. Elder, of Marion, said that the foundation stone of Democracy was the white man's supremacy. He asserted that every State has a right to adopt whatever platform it sees fit. The National Convention does not say to the States that they have no brains and no judgment, and you must follow what we do."

S. R. Rutland, of Fairfield, made a brief and humorous speech. He was followed by Mr. J. B. Morrison, of Berkeley, who said that the platform was not Democratic in principle. He said that the platform was not Democratic in principle. He said that the platform was not Democratic in principle.

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the whole Democratic party of the State of South Carolina to the principles and organization of the national Democratic party, and to repudiate and rescind the action of the State convention of 1892, adopting the Ocala platform as that of the Democratic party of this State.

2. That the convention also demands of the said State convention to be held on the 19th instant to nominate no one to office who is not in full accord with the principles of the national Democracy, nor one who advocates the principles of the Populist party or seeks to force the demands of the Ocala platform upon Democrats as the only basis of action.

3. Resolved, That the nominations by the convention on the 19th inst., of any candidate for any office at the hands of the Democratic party, holding allegiance to any other than the Democratic principles and policy shall absolve all members of the Democratic party in the State from any support such nominees at the general election, whether or not they participated in the recent primary election.

4. That an executive committee, consisting of one member from each county, be appointed by the chairman of the respective delegations, which committee shall be charged with the duty of the better organization of the Democratic party, and the presentation of the foregoing resolution to the Democratic convention, which meets in Columbia on the 19th inst., and with recalling this convention at such time as they may see fit prior to the first day of October.

On motion the memorial was received as information.

NOMINATIONS IN ORDER.

Mr. Patterson then moved that the nominations of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer and Attorney General be taken up.

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